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European deliberations over EUREKA and SDI participation are evolving in acceptable fashion so far. I believe the US could help its case by remaining forthcoming as well as firm on the rules for SDI participation.

Mitterrand's EUREKA proposal, although a longtime in the making, was apparently hurried along to forestall the US enticing the best European firms and labs into the SDI program and was announced in an anti-US WAY.

Europe, as a whole, has reacted with sympathy toward the French argument that Europe should mount its own technological effort but also with caution not to close the door on either EUREKA or SDI participation. Further, a number of European firms seem increasingly interested in participating in SDI.

France, in reaction, is pushing EUREKA diplomatically but showing flexibility both on its content and on its possible compatibility with SDI.

The US has probably helped its case considerably by releasing a comprehensive fact sheet on SDI that takes European concerns into account and by not pressuring Europeans to choose between EUREKA and SDI.

But, in my view, it would be wrong for the US to attempt to prove, as at least some Europeans are urging, that EUREKA and SDI are compatible:

- First, how can we judge whether the vaguely formulated EUREKA program, from which we are excluded by definition, is compatible with our better defined SDI proposals?
- Second, even if Mitterrand has taken the anti-US edge off EUREKA, that program and SDI will be competing for the same scientific know how and scarce financial resources. Although not necessarily incompatible, they are competitive.

In view of this it would be better, in my view, for the US to:

- Pursue our SDI negotiations with potential partners and let the Europeans decide on EUREKA compatibility.
  - Concentrate on getting final Japanese acceptance of our SDI invitations. This would stimulate and almost ensure European participation as well.
  - Make clear that the US wants to participate in technological endeavors with its Allies but, at the same time, wants to ensure that the SDI and EUREKA programs not abet Soviet technology acquisitions efforts. Thus, participation of any labs in SDI and in cooperative scientific efforts with the Soviets would be incompatible. Such a warning would be timely in view of
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